

DRA 2005 Federal Grant Program -- Simplified Process and Timeline

Thursday, January 27 - Local Development District (LDDs), Training.

Tuesday February 1 – DRA 2005 Federal Grant Program to be Announced (tentative).

Tuesday, February 1 – LDDs – Begin Publicizing, Educating and Assisting Pre-Applicants with Preparation of Pre-Applications. During February All LDDs Will Host Public Forums.

(Allows 73 days for Pre-Application Preparation.)

No Later Than Noon, Friday, April 1– ALL Pre-Applications Due at LDDs, to be Screened for Completeness.

Thursday, April 14 – LDDs package Complete Pre-Applications and Send original and copy to DRA.

**Each LDD will also send a copy to its State at the same time.
(Again, This Allows 73 Days from “Announcement” to Pre-Application Deadline.)**

No Later Than Thursday, May 12 – Federal Co-Chairman Determines Eligibility.

(Allows 28 Days to Determine Eligibility.)

By Tuesday, May 17 – Governors Receive List of Eligibles and Ineligibles. Additionally, FCC provides a written explanation of why a project was deemed ineligible to the Applicants, States and LDDs.

By Wednesday, May 25—States respond to List of Ineligibles.
States will provide written responses to the FCC, if they have a different perspective on an ineligible project.

By Wednesday June 1 -- FCC has responded in writing to each State’s perspective of eligibility.

By Tuesday, June 14 – Governors Select Projects and Notify Federal Co-Chairman.

(Allows Governors 28 Days to Select Projects for “Invitation to Apply”.)

On June 16 – Federal Co-Chairman Issues “Invitations to Apply” to Governors’ Selections.

By Friday, July 29, Applications to be Prepared by Invitees and Received by DRA.

(Allows 43 Days for Application Preparation and Receipt by DRA.)

No Later Than Wednesday, August 31, DRA Staff Completes Review of Applications and Forwards Such Reviews to Governors

(Allows 33 Days for DRA Staff to Review and Collaborate With Pre-Grantees.)

By Wednesday, September 7, Governors Complete Evaluation and Certification of Applications; Forward “Evaluated and Certified” list to Federal Co-Chairman.

(Allows 7 Days for Governors to Evaluate and Certify Applications.)

On Tuesday, September 13, Board Meets to Vote on DRA 2005 Federal Grant Projects

On Thursday, September 15, The Federal Co-Chairman Notifies Members of Congress of the Authority’s Approval of Projects for DRA 2005 Federal Grant Funding.

On Monday, September 19, The Federal Co-Chairman Notifies Governors of the Authority’s Approval of Projects for DRA 2005 Federal Grant Funding.

By September 30, (Most) 2005 Projects Will Be Closed and All Will Be Funded.